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DULVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

YEAR - 1969



DULVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

List of Rural District Councillors as at 31st December, 1969.

Chairman

Mr. H.S. Holman,
Little Marsh, Dulverton.

Vice Chairman

Mr. I.J. Kemp,
High Street, Dulverton.

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Mrs. M.M. Smail.

Capt. R.E. Lloyd.

Mr. R.L.V. Wilkes.

The Public Health Committee consists of the Council as a whole.

Clerk to the Council

R.W. Halse Esq., Solicitor.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR THE DISTRICT

Part Time Medical Officer of Health

G. Nicholson, M.D., D.P.H., F.R.C.S.,

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor.

Mr. R.J. Organ., A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., A.I.P.H.E.,

Technical Assistant in Public Health Inspector's Office.

Mr. A.C. Squire.

Clerk

Mrs. M.R. Davenport.

Junior Clerk

Mr. G.J. Atkins.

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TO THE
DULVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the health of the Dulverton Rural District during the year 1969. .

The headings and the information contained in this report are as directed by Ministry of Health Circular 1/70.

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area: 78,159 acres
Population 4040 (1969 estimate)
Number of inhabited
houses as per rate books 1520

Sum represented by a
penny rate: £350.

Social Conditions:- The vast majority of the inhabitants are engaged on agricultural pursuits and appear to be exceptionally healthy in consequence.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1969.

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	Total	29	19	48
	Legitimate	25	16	41
	Illegitimate	4	3	7

<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>	Total	-	-	-
	Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>	Total	29	19	48
	Legitimate	25	16	41
	Illegitimate	4	3	7

DEATHS OF INFANTS

under 1 year of age	Total	1	1
	Legitimate	1	1
	Illegitimate		

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS(Continued)</u>			

under 4 weeks of age	Total		
	Legitimate		
	Illegitimate		

under 1 week of age	Total		
	Legitimate		
	Illegitimate		

<u>DEATHS - ALL AGES</u>	23	35	58
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	<u>LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA</u>	<u>ENGLAND AND WALES</u>
<u>LIVE BIRTH RATES ETC.</u>		
Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	11.9	16.3
Area comparability factor	1.24	1.00
Local adjusted rate	14.8	16.3
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.91	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	15	8

STILLBIRTH RATE

Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	13
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INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	21	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	24	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births		25

Neonatal mortality rate

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	12
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Early neonatal mortality rate

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	10
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births	23

DEATHS RATES ETC. - ALL AGES

Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	14.4	11.9
Area comparability factor	.90	1.00
Local adjusted rate	13.0	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.09	1.00

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

No particular disease was unduly prevalent during the year.

VACCINATIONS.

Vaccinations carried out by the Medical Officer of Health during 1969
in the Dulverton Rural District NIL

Medical practitioners now carry out vaccinations.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Measles	82		
Dysentary (amoebic or bacillary)			
Scarlet Fever	1		
Whooping Cough			
Infective Jaundice	1		
Tuberculosis (a) Respiratory	1		
(b) Meninges and C.N.S.			
(c) Other Forms			

Deaths from Cancer

Breast 3, Bronchus 1, Bowel 5, Oesophagus 1, Others 5. Total = 15.

The following table gives details of the mortality from cancer which has taken place in the Dulverton Rural District during the past 16 years.

Gastric Cancer	23	Cancer of Bowel	12
Testis	1	Ovary	3
Bladder	6	Oesophagus	10
Breast	29	Pancreas	9
Uterus	6	Prostate	3
Rectum	5	Larynx	1
Bronchus	16	Valvae	1
Brain	1	Orbit	1
Rodent Ulcer of Scalp	1	Cervix	1
Leukaemia	4	Others	29

Total = 162

No particular disease was widely prevalent during the year.

VACCINATIONS.

Vaccinations carried out by the Medical Officer of Health during 1939 in the Liverpool Rural District

Medical practitioners now carry out vaccinations.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Year	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Cases Notified
1939	62	62
1938	1	1
1937	1	1
1936	1	1
1935	1	1
1934	1	1
1933	1	1
1932	1	1
1931	1	1
1930	1	1
1929	1	1
1928	1	1
1927	1	1
1926	1	1
1925	1	1
1924	1	1
1923	1	1
1922	1	1
1921	1	1
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1916	1	1
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1913	1	1
1912	1	1
1911	1	1
1910	1	1
1909	1	1
1908	1	1
1907	1	1
1906	1	1
1905	1	1
1904	1	1
1903	1	1
1902	1	1
1901	1	1
1900	1	1

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Isolated from Cancer
Breast 3, Bronchus 1, Bowel 5, Oesophagus 1, Others 3. Total = 13.

The following table gives details of the mortality from cancer which has taken place in the Liverpool Rural District during the past 15 years.

12	Cancer of Bowel	23
3	Ovary	1
10	Oesophagus	5
9	Pancreas	22
3	Prostate	5
1	Larynx	5
1	Vulva	15
1	Orbit	1
1	Cervix	1
29	Others	4

Total = 133

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

1) Home Nursing and Midwives

These services are provided by the Health Department of the Somerset County Council. Three District Nurses reside within the area and where required there is liaison with the Local Authority.

2) Home Helps

The Home Help service is operated and controlled by the Welfare Dept., of the Somerset County Council. A number of cases of elderly persons living alone are referred to the Home Help Organiser and in most cases assistance has been provided which has resulted in a general improvement in home conditions.

3) Infectious Diseases

Where required cases of infectious diseases are removed to isolation hospitals outside the area and the necessary enquiries and investigations are carried out by the Public Health Inspector.

4) Laboratories

Arrangements for the carrying out of Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations, Analysis of Foodstuffs etc. are made with the Somerset County Laboratory at County Hall, Taunton and with the Public Health Laboratory Service at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.

5) Ambulance Facilities

These facilities are provided by the Somerset County Council.

6) Hospitals

There are no hospitals of any description within the area. Hospital accommodation for cases of infectious diseases remains unchanged.

7) Maternity and Nursing Homes

There are no maternity or Nursing Homes within the area of this Authority. Where necessary maternity cases are removed to Minehead, Tiverton or Taunton Hospitals. Cases of Maternal Mortality and puerperal Pyrexia are investigated by the County Authority. Ante-Natal and Child Welfare Clinic is held at Trumpington House, High Street, Dulverton each month.

8) Institutional Provisions for the Care of the Mental Defective.

There are no such institutions within the area of this Authority.

9) Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination.

Diphtheria Immunisations, poliomyelitis and smallpox vaccinations are carried out by general practitioners.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA

(1) Water Supply

The West Somerset Water Board are the Statutory Undertakers for most public supplies in the area of the Dulverton Rural District, the only exception being a small area at Oldways End in the parishes of Dulverton and Brushford supplied by the North Devon Water Board.

Nine out of a total of eleven parishes in the area have a public water supply but these supplies usually serve the Village only leaving numerous properties throughout the scattered area to be dependent upon private supplies in many cases serving one property only.

Routine samples are taken from all public supplies at regular intervals and submitted for Bacteriological and Chemical examinations. The results of the samples so taken are set out in the Public Health Inspector's report. The quality of water supplied by the Statutory Undertakers was satisfactory and no complaints were received of any serious shortage of water.

The private supply which serves the Village of Exton is believed to be insufficient to meet all demands at certain times of the year and should from a point of view of Public Health be the subject of some further investigation.

(2) Drainage and Sewerage

This subject is dealt with fully in the Public Health Inspector's section of this report.

(3) Rivers and Stream Pollution

The pollution of rivers and streams is dealt with mainly by the Devon River Authority although a small part of the area around Huish Champflower is covered by the Somerset River Authority. I am not aware of any serious cases of pollution within the area.

(4) Schools

Further improvement schemes were completed during the year to improve toilet facilities at a number of primary schools within the area. These improvements which in most cases provided new and modern facilities within the main building itself, replaced old and insanitary accommodation in many cases on the opposite side of the school playground and such improvements were long overdue. Schools where such works have been carried out are at Withypool, Exford, Winsford, Dulverton, Brompton Regis and Upton.

The majority of schools have kitchens attached where school meals are prepared and these premises are inspected from time to time by the Public Health Inspector to ensure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

A number of schools in the area have their own swimming pools mostly of the small teacher/training type. Each pool is provided with a filtration unit and careful watch of the quality of the water in these pools is kept by the County Health Authorities.

Public Cleansing.

See Public Health Inspector's Report.

TUBERCULOSIS

One new case of Tuberculosis was notified during 1969.

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My thanks are again due to Mr Organ and his staff for their assistance in compiling this report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE NICHOLSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Exmoor House,
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June, 1970.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS									
				1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over	
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, OESOPHAGUS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, INTESTINE	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, LUNG, BRONCHUS.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BREAST	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
OTHER MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1
DIABETES MELLITUS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
OTHER DISEASES OF NERVOUS SYSTEM ETC.,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
HYPERTENSIVE DISEASE	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	3	5
OTHER FORMS OF HEART DISEASE	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	5
OTHER DISEASES OF CIRCULATORY SYSTEM	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
INFLUENZA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
PNEUMONIA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BRONCHITIS AND EMPHYSEMA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
OTHER DISEASES, GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	58	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	17	30	

DULVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Public Health Inspector & Surveyor for the year 1969

P.R.E.F.A.C.E.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my Annual Report upon the work undertaken by the Public Health Department during 1969.

The text and accompanying statistics in each section of the report again gives some indication of the wide and varied nature of the duties performed in an office where the duties of Public Health Inspector are combined with those of Surveyor. The report includes the information required by Circular 1/70 issued by the Department of Health and Social Security.

The increase in staff during 1968 enabled some routine matters to be attended to during the early part of the year but constant increases in administrative work together with attention being given to various Capital Works schemes required the full time-attention of the staff during the latter part of the year, leaving insufficient time available for the carrying out of routine inspection work.

Enquiries in connection with improvement grants, an increase in the number of planning applications and the introduction of numerous new regulations affecting our vehicles were but a few of the items to which particular attention was required.

The year in question saw further progress on services provided by the Council with the commencement of the second phase of the Pixton Way Housing Scheme and with further improvements being carried out to hot water systems and electrical installations at Council Houses.

My thanks must again be expressed to members of the Council for their help and assistance and to all members of the staff for their support and in particular to Mr Squire and Mrs Davenport for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R.J. ORGAN.

Public Health Inspector
& Surveyor.

Public Health Inspector's Report for the year ended 31st December. 1969

The total number of inspections and visits made during the year amounted to 1463 and the details below indicate the multifarious nature of these duties.

GENERAL SANITATION

Visits in connection with Water Supplies (main and private supplies)	119
Visits in connection with drainage of Private Buildings	41
Sewage Works	153
Moveable Dwellings (Caravans, Tents etc.)	63
Enforcement of Petroleum Regulations	19
Public Conveniences	43
Flood Prevention Works	20
Factories	15
Offices, Shops etc.	5
Refuse Collection and Disposal(including Litter Collection and control)	62
Rodent Control	23
General Nuisance and Complaints	40
Schools	5
Licensed Premises	13
Miscellaneous Public Health Matters	11
New Constructional Works (Local Authority)	94
New Constructional Works (Private)	241

HOUSING

Routine Inspections of Council Houses	55
Visits in connection with repair and maintenance of Council Houses	196
Inspections and re-inspection of private houses under Housing Acts	11
Investigation of Improvement Grant application and miscellaneous	30

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Enquiries and other Miscellaneous Matters	4
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INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Total Meat Inspection Visits	162
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Routine visits shops and other Establishments re:

enforcements of Food Hygiene Regulations	35
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Miscellaneous Food Visits	3
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Total = 1463

HOUSING

(a) Council Houses.

Work was commenced in June 1969 on the Pixton Way, Dulverton Housing Scheme - Phase 11, Stage 1, comprising 4 Old Persons dwellings and seven Type T.1. traditional two bedroom bungalows and good progress has been made in connection with this development by the end of the year.

Details of properties owned by the Council as at 31st December 1969 were as follows:-

Pre 1939 type houses	77
Post 1945 " "	100
Two bedroom Bungalows	71
Old Persons Bungalows with warden service	8
Shop and Flat	1
Barnsclose Farm, Dulverton	<u>1</u>
Total =	<u>258</u>

The following schemes were approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to be included in the Council's 1970 Housing programme:-

Pixton Way Phase 11, Stage 2	6 dwellings
Winsford - Ash Lane	4 dwellings
Bridgetown	3 dwellings

The Bridgetown scheme will of course be dependant upon the completion of the sewage scheme due to be commenced early in 1970.

The procedure now laid down by the Government whereby a "Housing Cost Yardstick figure" has to be obtained in respect of each development does inevitably cause additional delays in the preparation of schemes and it is to be hoped that difficulties encountered in obtaining tender figure within the Ministry approved yardstick figure will not be repeated in future schemes.

Further progress was also made during the year on the improvement of hot water installations at Post 1945 Council Houses. These works which consisted of the replacement of existing combined solid fuel cookers/water heaters by an approved type boiler with new tiled surround were undertaken by direct labour and a total of 27 dwellings were completed during the year. In addition Specifications were prepared and works were undertaken at a further 24 bungalows by Contract thereby making the total number of houses dealt with at 51.

With the exception of external decorations the majority of routine maintenance work to Council Houses was undertaken by the small direct labour force which is controlled and supervised by the department.

During the latter part of the year the Council accepted a Contractor's estimate for the complete re-wiring of a total of 34 older type Council Houses at Dulverton and Brushford and these works were due to be commenced early in 1970. The existing wiring at these dwellings was generally in poor condition and the number of power points available was invariably very small and in many cases with none whatsoever on the first floor.

Further re-wiring schemes were in course of preparation at the end of the year.

Plans for a further six lock up garages at Pixton Way Dulverton were prepared during the year with the work due to be commenced early in 1970. Two garages were erected at the Winsford Sewage Works site to serve the four dwellings at Edbrooke Winsford. There is still a lack of adequate off street parking arrangements at a number of Council Housing estates throughout the district and this is a matter to which the Council will have to give further consideration in the near future.

Private Housing and Action under Housing Acts.

A total of 18 private dwellings were erected during the year compared with eleven for the previous year. The number of private dwellings erected was the largest for any one year for at least the past 15 years and the steady increase in the number of new private dwellings is therefore being maintained. A further four dwellings were in course of construction at the end of the year.

No formal action was taken in respect of unfit properties under the Housing Act 1957 and due to pressure of other works further survey work to ascertain housing conditions in the area was not possible.

No new cases of overcrowding were reported or discovered during the year.

GRANTS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PRIVATE OWNERS

Number of Applications and Houses dealt with by Local Authority during year:-

	Up to August, 1969				After August 1969			
	Received		Approved		Received		Approved	
	Appli- cations	No. of Dwel- lings	Appli- cations	No. of Dwel- lings	Appli- cations	No. of Dwel- lings	Appli- cations	No. of Dwel- lings
1. Improvement Grants	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	2
2. Standard Grants	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1
3. Special Grants	-	-	-	-	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

The new legislation introduced in August 1969 and contained in the Housing Act 1969 provided for new upper limits for Grants and the former figure of £400 for Discretionary Grants has now been increased to £1000 under the new Act. Publicity to the new grant system is due to be stepped up during 1970 and the full impact of the new legislation will be noted in future years.

WATER SUPPLY

(a) Public Supplies

Nine villages throughout the district are provided with a public supply by the West Somerset Water Board. Water for each supply is obtained from local spring sources, each with its own independent distribution system. The majority of these supplies now have small treatment plants attached and the quality of water supplied was generally satisfactory. In cases where results of samples were unsatisfactory follow up samples were taken after corrective treatment had been applied.

The majority of samples taken by the department were analysed by the West Somerset Water Board, others were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. Results of samples taken for Bacteriological examination are as follows:-

<u>SUPPLY</u>	<u>Total No. of samples</u>	<u>No. found satisfactory</u>	<u>No. found unsatisfactory</u>
Dulverton and Brushford	20	20	-
Dulverton (Jury Road)	13	12	1
Brompton Regis	14	14	-
Huish Champflower	15	12	3
Bridgetown	13	10	3
Winsford	13	12	1
Skilgate	13	10	3
Exford	14	14	-
Withypool	14	11	3
	<u>129</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>14</u>

The total No. of samples taken show a decrease of 6 over the previous year. Sampling is undertaken on a routine basis to ensure sampling of each public supply at least one per month.

In addition samples were taken for chemical examinations and a summary of the results obtained by the Public Analyst is set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

No complaints of shortages were received during the year from areas supplied by the Board

Of the 1520 dwellings in the area approximately 845 are connected to a mains supply, details for each respective parish are as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total No. of properties</u>	<u>No. connected to mains supply.</u>	<u>Est. population served by Mains Supply</u>
Exmoor	71	-	-
Exford	146	79	300
Withypool	93	47	150
Winsford	120	60	210
Exton	69	11	40
Dulverton	550	435	1400
Brushford	164	125	390
Brompton Regis	143	38	110
Skilgate	39	19	55
Upton	53	-	-
Huish Champflower	72	31	100
Total =	<u>1520</u>	<u>845</u>	<u>2755</u>

Properties not connected to a mains supply, mostly outlying farms and cottages, rely upon small private supplies, sometimes serving one property only, the source usually being springs or shallow wells.

Private Supplies

Twenty samples were taken from private supplies throughout the area, 13 of which were found to be unsatisfactory. Advice was given as to remedial works required to improve the quality of supplies.

The private supply serving the village of Exton can not be regarded as satisfactory, either as regards quantity or quality. Following sampling during 1969 householders were advised to boil water prior to use for drinking and domestic purposes. The degree of contamination, although not perhaps of a particularly serious nature, nevertheless indicates the supply is open to contamination and therefore unreliable. It is to be hoped that a more reliable and adequate supply may be made available in this village at an early date.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

A total of four sites are licensed under the Caravan sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, each site being licensed for one caravan only. All sites were satisfactorily maintained.

A number of caravans were found to be stationed within the area on various sites particularly during the summer months. In most cases the use of such unlicensed sites is within the permitted limits which exempts such sites from control.

In addition the Caravan Club site at the rear of Exmoor House, Dulverton which now accommodates 50 Caravans continued in use. This site, under the supervision of a resident warden is maintained to an exceedingly high standard, and credit must be paid to the Warden for his efforts which are often the subject of praise by many tourists to the site.

One site at Exford is licensed under the Public Health Act for tents.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Sewerage systems are now provided by the Council to serve the villages of Brushford, Dulverton, Exford and Winsford and brief details of these schemes are as follows:-

<u>BRUSHFORD</u>	Total Population of Parish	496;
	Est. No. of properties connected to system	100
	Est. Population served by system	320

A small sewage disposal works built in the mid 1930's serves the village of Brushford. The works consist of two settlement tanks, dosing syphon, percolating; gravity filter humus tanks and sludge beds. The flow into the works is in excess of design capacity and is sometimes further aggravated by surface water infiltration but careful and regular maintenance has resulted in reasonable effluent standards. The Council must however ultimately give consideration to new and enlarged works to serve this village. A scheme to replace the pump at the School End Pumping station with duplicate pumps was prepared during the year and the work scheduled for 1970.

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<u>DULVERTON</u>	Total Population of Parish	1392
	Est. No. of properties connected to system	315
	Est. Population served by system.	1100

The existing works built I believe in about 1922 and modernised in the 1930's are not only very old but are overloaded and somewhat difficult to maintain. By reason however of the improved standard of maintenance effluent samples were on the whole reasonable although on occasions these fell below the Royal Commission Standard. Due to the dilution factor however no nuisance whatsoever is caused at the point of discharge. Further progress was made during the year on the preparation of a scheme for a new sewage disposal works together with certain sewer extensions and replacements in Dulverton and documents for submission to the various authorities should be available early in 1970.

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<u>EXFORD</u>	Total Population of Parish	450
	Est. No. of properties connected to system	51
	Est. Population served by system	190

The works, built about the same time are almost identical in design to those at Brushford, serve the village of Exford.

Here again the flow into the works is slightly in excess of design capacity and in this case is aggravated not only by surface water infiltration but by influx of visitors and tourists during the summer months. Careful and regular maintenance however has caused effluent standards to be reasonable and unsatisfactory samples are usually not far below the high Royal Commission Standard.

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<u>WINSFORD</u>	Total Population of Parish	363
	Est. No. of properties connected to system	54
	Est. Population served by system	196

This scheme, provided in 1968 became fully operational during the year with all but about two properties not connected at the end of the year. As with all new schemes this was not without its teething troubles but these were mainly of a minor nature and the system can now be regarded as quite satisfactory.

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In addition to the principal works listed above the Council also maintain certain old systems at Oldways End and Brompton Regis. Further progress was made on the preparation of documents for a scheme to serve the village of Brompton Regis and these should be available for submission to the various authorities in 1970.

Ministry approval was obtained for the Bridgetown Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme, tenders were invited and the work scheduled to commence in January 1970.

Maintenance of all sewage disposal works and systems is now undertaken by a separate maintenance team who apart from undertaking Rodent Control work now specialise in this work. The team consists of two men, one Morris 1000 van together with when necessary the use of the senior operator's van for which an allowance is paid. The maintenance and operation of works generally now shows a marked improvement over the arrangement which existed previously.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

Regular collections of household refuse were made from the majority of premises within the district and only a few very isolated premises are not covered by this service. Frequency of collections varied from once weekly or once fortnightly which shows a vast improvement over the service given only a few years ago when in some Villages collections were made only once every six or eight weeks. This improved service was made possible partly due to the increase in the capacity of the vehicle now being used.

The "Fore and Aft" Karrier Diesel refuse collection vehicle purchased in 1967 continued to give satisfactory service and the vehicle covered a total of 10.862 miles during the year, using a total of 1069 gallons of fuel which gives a fuel consumption of 10.1 miles per gallon.

Practically no complaints were received in connection with the operation of this service which again reflects credit to the employees engaged in this department.

Daily sweeping of the streets of Dulverton was continued during the year and a contribution towards this service is made by the Somerset County Council.

The County Council also contribute towards the cost of the provision and emptying of Litter Baskets which are provided at a number of sites throughout the area of the National Park.

A total of 6 abandoned and 4 derelict cars were dealt with during the year, in each case removal was arranged with a scrap metal merchant at no cost to the Council. Formal notices were served under the Civic Amenities Act in respect of one abandoned vehicle at Huish Champflower.

The tip at Oldways End continued to be used for the disposal of glass, ashes and other non combustible items which can not be dealt with by the incinerators.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Council continued to maintain public conveniences at Dulverton (2) Exford and Tarr Steps. Regular attention was necessary at all conveniences and at Tarr Steps, where in the absence of proper water supply and drainage the conveniences are of the Elsan Permanent Self Draining Sanitation type. Frequent testing of the effluent from the Tarr Steps Public Conveniences was necessary to establish the amount of chemical required.

A scheme for the provision of public conveniences at Winsford was prepared by the Exmoor National Parks Committee and this work is scheduled to be undertaken by that Authority in 1970.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses within the area.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS AND FOOD PREMISES

The general standard of cleanliness of food premises throughout the district was generally satisfactory but informal action was necessary in two cases to secure improvements in standards of hygiene.

The number of food premises in the district in their respective classifications is as follows:-

(a)	Grocers and General Stores	17
(b)	Butchers	2
(c)	Bakehouses	1
(d)	Cafes and Restaurant	5
(e)	Hotels and other Catering Establishments	11
(f)	School Kitchens	11
(g)	Confectioners	2
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Schedule of Food Premises subject to Food Hygiene (General) Regulations.

(a)	(i)	Total No. of premises	49
	(ii)	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg.16	48
	(iii)	No. of Premises to which Reg.19 applies	40
	(iv)	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg.19	40

(b) Ice-Cream

No properties are registered for the manufacture of Ice-Cream.
25 premises are registered for the storage and sale of Ice-Cream.

(c) Meat and other Foods.

Two small private slaughter-houses at Dulverton continued in use during the year supplying meat to local shops. 100% meat inspections was achieved and the number of animals inspected and details of the amount of meat found unfit were as follows:-

	<u>Bovines</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number Killed	143	-	403	2	NIL
Numbers Inspected	142	-	403	2	NIL

Weight of Meat Condemned in lbs.

For:-

(a)	Tuberculosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b)	Cysticercosis Cysticercosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(c)	Other	279	NIL	31	NIL	NIL

Inspections were also made of various other foodstuffs when called upon to do so and the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit:-

29 lbs Various Foods.

(d) Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing establishments within the district.

(e) Milk

- (i) No. of registered distributors (other than produce retailers) 4
- (ii) No. of registered dairy premises (other than dairy farms) 1
- (iii) Brucelli Abortus

One Notice was served during the year under Reg. 20. of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959. This action followed discovery of brucella organism in a routine sample and immediate action was taken to prevent the sale of untreated milk. The infected animals were however duly detected and after isolation from the remainder of the herd the Notice was later withdrawn.

RODENT CONTROL

Rodent Control works were combined with sewage works maintenance and the two man team carry out treatments and make the necessary inspections to fulfil the Local Authorities functions under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number Registered</u>	<u>Persons Employed</u>
Offices	4	31
Retail Shops	20	54
Wholesale Depts	1	9
Catering Establishments	6	54
Fuel Storage Depots	1	5

A total of seventeen visits to establishments were carried out during the year which generally resulted in a satisfactory standard being revealed.

APPENDIX 1

TYPICAL RESULTS OF CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF WATER SAMPLES (IN PARTS PER MILLION)

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PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of	
			Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	17	12	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	20	15	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-Work	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

